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CCLR wants ASUN to include all campuses

By Melanie S. Williams

The UNO student senate unanimously approved a move to gain equal representation for UNO on the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN).

At last Thursday's meeting, senators gave Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) Director Mark Vanevenhoven authorization to demand ASUN either allow UNO to join the ASUN or change its name.

Vanevenhoven said the name implies ASUN speaks for everyone within the NU system, when, in fact, its interests are limited to the UNL campus.

"If that's what they want to call themselves, we have no trouble with that," he said. "But then they'd better represent everyone's interests."

Otherwise, Vanevenhoven said, he plans to lobby for the

name change.

Vanevenhoven said proposals made by ASUN appear to have the support of all NU campuses.

"The weight of this impression plays an important role in promoting preferential treatment and favorable budget decisions for UNL.

"The administration and the (NU) Board of Regents keep telling us 'we are one big happy family, and no one is bigger than any one else,' he said.

He said evidence proves otherwise.

"UNL got \$493 million last year—expensive dorm work and the Lied Performing Arts Center—and close to zero budget cuts."

When UNO's recent budget cuts required the elimination of several programs, "even the *Omaha World-Herald* didn't find it important enough to write about," Vanevenhoven said.

"We didn't hear peeps or whimpers out of anybody except the professors who were being affected. But when UNL cut one program, we heard about it to high heaven."

He said the weight of support implied by ASUN's name could tilt decisions, especially when the regents' votes are close.

CCLR is also interested in researching operations of UNO's Campus Security.

"We don't think there's necessarily any wrong-doing," Vanevenhoven said. "But how do we know?"

Vanevenhoven said information is tightly withheld about the qualifications, training requirements and schedules of Campus Security officers, as well as how revenues from fund allocations, parking sticker sales and fines are justified and spent.

"We really don't know where it goes," he said. "But as students, we fund a big chunk of Campus Security; we are consumers of it, and we should know where it comes from and how it is used."



—Eric Francis

1991 homecoming royalty

Reg Chapman (left) and Merica Whitehall were crowned king and queen of UNO's homecoming Saturday. Chapman is a junior journalism major and was sponsored by the Student Programming Organization (SPO). Whitehall is also a junior and is majoring in political science and pre-law. She was also sponsored by SPO.

The UNO Mavs lost the game against South Dakota State 21-13. See story on page 6 for highlights of the game.

Nausea and pain relieved

New drugs help cancer patients

By Kerl Blanford

New drugs in cancer treatment was the topic of discussion for the Omaha Cancer Survivorship Group Tuesday night at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Blanche Rasmussen from the Med Center's College of Pharmacy discussed the drugs Zofran, Duragesic and colony stimulating factors.

"Zofran is a brand-new anti-emetic drug for patients who are getting chemotherapy and experiencing nausea and vomiting."

The amounts of nausea and vomiting vary with each patient, but are ranked as the top two severe symptoms of cancer chemotherapy.

"It's very important that we find modalities of treatment that stop the patient from feeling sick; otherwise their therapy might be compromised," Rasmussen said.

Although the benefit of Zofran is to help patients through chemotherapy without getting sick, there is a drawback.

Zofran is only available in intravenous form and has a short working duration. To be fully effective, it must be given before and after chemotherapy.

Duragesic, given to cancer patients to relieve pain, has been given by injection for 20 years.

It is now available in patch form, which the patient wears on their skin. The patch administers the drug over a longer period.

"The transderman delivery system (patch) has an extended delivery system that lasts for approximately three days," Rasmussen said.

Duragesic's drawback is a 12-hour to 24-hour waiting period during which a patient must wear the patch and continue the use of previous medication before the patient's blood and drug level is satisfactory.

Although a majority of time was spent discussing the new drugs, Rasmussen also spoke about the influence of growth factors on blood cell production.

Concentration was focussed on the colony stimulating factors, which increase white blood cell counts following bone marrow transplants.

Some patients have experienced a white blood cell increase of three times their starting amount in 24 to 48 hours of use.

Dr. Rasmussen also explained the necessary criteria considered when researching new drugs:

- efficiency of the drug,
- comparison to drugs currently used for the same purpose, and
- availability of convenient dosage.

The Metro Omaha Cancer Survivorship Group is an organizational member of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship.

"The National Coalition is an organization that looks at issues of survivorship for anyone who currently has cancer and is going through therapy to people who have been disease- and treatment-free for years," said Susan Stensland, coordinator of oncology social work.

The next Metro Omaha Cancer Survivorship Group meeting will be held Nov. 5 at the Med Center. For more information, contact Susan Stensland at 559-4676.

Critters 'n stuff found

Biology club hits the road for good cause

By Sue Fumas

Some UNO students pick up litter on Nebraska's highways in their spare time.

Members of Tri Beta, UNO's biology club, conducted their first litter pick-up Sept. 21, said Tri Beta Co-president Ursala McCormack. Tri Beta has adopted a 2.7-mile stretch of Highway 36 near Bennington through a program sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Although the club is responsible for two pick-ups per year,

McCormack said she hoped the group would do it more often.

"The hardest thing to do is get enough people to do the actual work," said McCormack. "It's not a demanding thing, but it's not a pleasant thing."

Tri Beta applied in May to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program. The minimum that can be adopted is two miles while the maximum is six miles.

The Department of Roads provides the club with the necessary equipment, including safety vests and trash bags. They must be notified 24 hours before the club picks up the litter.

McCormack feels responsible for cleaning up the environment. "It's there (the litter) and it needs to be picked up," she said.

Adopting the highway has other advantages. Club members "saw a lot of neat stuff," said McCormack, including "bugs, animals, snakes, plants and critters."

People interested in the program must send an application to the Department of Roads. Usually a group of people will adopt a highway, but anyone can do it, McCormack said.

Tri Beta meets at 2 p.m. the third Friday of every month. The meetings are held on the third floor of the Student Center.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homecoming is improved by the new regulations

Dear Editor:

In response to the editorial in the Oct. 1 issue of the *Gateway*, we are writing to congratulate you for pointing out many of the brutal facts of homecoming.

You are right — homecoming is a popularity contest usually ignored by most of the student body. And, yes, the majority of groups running consist of fraternities and sororities, yet other groups on campus do and have run in previous years.

The idea of changing the rules and purpose of homecoming was originally conceived by an employee of the Student Center who was disgusted by the whole popularity contest. It was thought that adding another element — fund raising for a charity — would add more to homecoming, making it more than a petty popularity contest among the Greeks.

It was hoped this new aspect would encourage other groups on campus to participate.

Furthermore, we would like to point out that there are those in the Greek system who support these changes 110 percent. We were the ones who encouraged the idea and suggested it be brought to Student Programming Organization for consideration.

So, it might be noted that many of the Greeks do support the new idea.

The whole issue has raised a great deal of conflict and frustration among the Greeks which is unfortunate. It's too bad we all can't pull together to help needy organizations instead of fighting over who will be the most popular at the end of the week.

If this is going to be the case for future homecomings, the suggestion might be made that having a king and queen be dropped all together.

Sigma Kappa ran a candidate this year, despite the boycott and abstinence from voting, to show that we are fully in favor of the new changes.

We feel including the community in a university activity creates positive attitudes toward homecoming, allowing more students to become involved and other organizations to participate in the festivities.

Members of Sigma Kappa Beta Omega Chapter

Columnist in 'poor position to know what mothers feel'

Dear Editor:

This is a response to Lori Safranek's Another View "Count your blessings, mom," published in the Oct. 1 issue of the *Gateway*.

From the minute I started reading it, I thought she might have a problem. By reading the last paragraph, which said,

"I've been unsuccessfully trying to conceive for about four years now," my doubts changed to certainty.

She really does have a problem. She is jealous of them. They have what she doesn't and what she probably can't have.

That's why she, as she said, is too sensitive about the subject. I think she is in a poor position to know what mothers feel.

Her friend, Judy, is right — she probably isn't able to buy a new dress for herself very often, since she has kids.

The woman, a single mom, who sneered, "Obviously she doesn't have children," is right. You can't have a child, be a single mother, go to school, work full-time to survive, and still say you have free time to play volleyball, be an honors student, have a double major and earn your private pilots license.

Do you know how expensive it is to raise a child? Do you have any idea how stressful it is to raise a child in today's society? Do you know how consuming it is?

Lori doesn't because she has never gone through raising a child. Because she has never been in their position.

It takes a great deal of courage, sacrifice and effort to be a mother, especially if you are a single mother. Never underestimate mothers, even if they say "they don't have time to take a bath since they got the kids."

I wish Lori success in having her own child someday, but please don't use too much of your emotions. It's not good for you.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

To the music of the night ...

I hesitated to write this column only because I knew many of you would not be ready for it. But for the second consecutive week, I have saved writing my column for the last minute. When I do this, I write about a topic that is on my mind. I knew I would be asking for trouble sooner or later.

This week, it's sex. From the look of the rest of the editorial page, sex must be on other people's minds, too.

After saying goodbye to my boyfriend, my mind simply is not on politics. My boyfriend flies from Pittsburgh to visit me one weekend a month.

Well, last weekend was our weekend. You might understand why sex has been on my mind.

I could discuss Sen. Bob Kerrey, or Oliver North, or Haiti, or those fanatics that made fools of themselves Sunday in the streets of Omaha. Speaking of fools, I could even discuss the Rush Limbaugh article in the Sept. 24 issue of Time magazine where Rush said femi-Nazis, or the National Organization for Women, shouldn't be so worried about abortions. They could never get pregnant because who would want to have sex with them?

This is definitely a topic for another column, but has Rush

ON THE 8TH DAY WITH TARA MUIR

looked in the mirror lately? Who would want to have sex with him? The conserva-tyrants are out of control.

More about them next week.

However, this week, this discussion leads us right back to the subject of the day: sex.

I constantly hear the gripes of friends and fellow classmates and their lack of "good" sex partners or even sex partners, period. OK, one guy proudly claims he test drives women but he never said if they were any good.

Follow this line of reasoning if you can.

The key to forgetting about sex and performance is in the words to one song.

"Night time sharpens, heightens each sensation. Darkness stirs and wakes imagination. Silently the senses, abandon their defenses. Slowly, gently, night unfurls its splendor. Grasp it, sense it, tremulous and tender. Turn your face away from the garish light of day. Turn your thoughts away from cold, unfeeling light, and listen to the music of the night."

I fell in love with Michael Crawford's voice during the Tony Award's two years ago when he sang "The Music of the Night" from the Broadway show, "Phantom of the Opera."

Something about the passion in his voice or the seriousness of his expression hypnotized me.

The words above are from that song. The lyrics may not do justice to the entire song without the movements of the orchestra behind them, but give it another try:

"Close your eyes and surrender to your darkest dreams. Purge your thoughts of the life you knew before. Close your eyes, let your spirit start to soar. And you'll live as you've never lived before."

Imagine a cold October night, the radiator blasting steam heat to its capacity, the temperature hovering around 80-85 degrees.

Shadows of candlelight flicker against the walls. All the sheets and blankets are on the floor, with only the bottom sheet still attached to the bed.

"Softly, deftly, music shall surround you. Feel it, hear it, closing in around you. Open up your mind, let your fantasies unwind, in this darkness which you know you can not fight: the darkness of the music of the night."

How about this same candlelit room with a bathtub filled with endless amounts of Lancome's cleansing gel that foams to the ceiling?

Maybe some chilled white zinfandel wine or Grand Marnier brandy on the table?

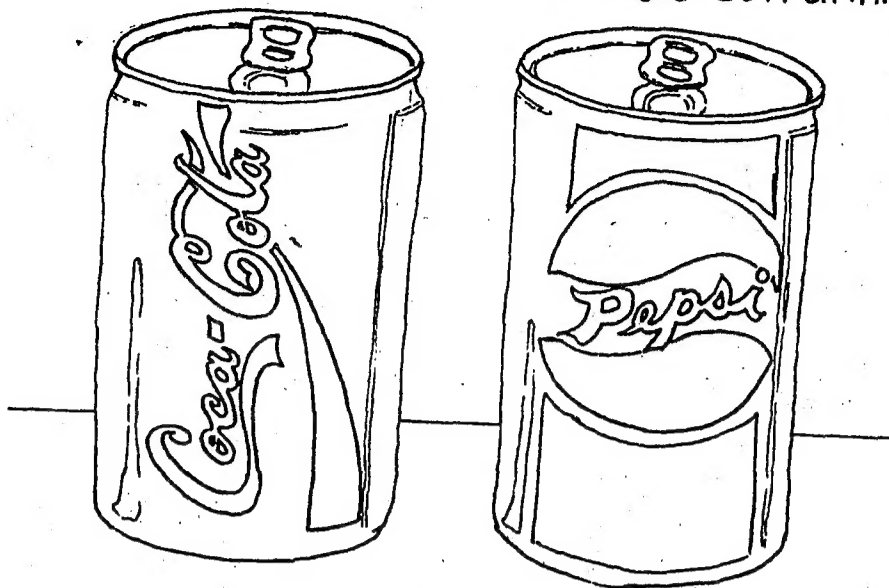
"Let your mind start a journey to a strange new world. Leave all thoughts of the world you knew before. Let your soul take you where you long to be. Only then can you belong to me (I'd change 'to me' to 'with me' but of course a man wrote this song)."

"Floating, falling, sweet intoxication. Touch me, trust me, savor each sensation. Let the dream begin, let your darkest side give in to the power of the music that I write: the power of the music of the night."

My darkest side gave in and I watched my boyfriend hobble onto the plane ... "you alone can make my song take flight. Help me make the music of the night."

THE "PEPSI" REFERENDUM

Will you be drawn to the polls, Oct. 22-23, to offer a preference on the issue of available soft drinks?



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Wizard of Oz and penis envy

University administration seems to have a double standard. During the summer semester, some members of the University of Nebraska administration lambasted the *Gateway* for use of profanity within the confines of its pages.

Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover and some of the NU Regents went on to explain the *Gateway*, being the award-winning newspaper it is, should project that image through its editorial content. It also seemed administration was afraid the view of the *Gateway* would be perceived as the official view of the university.

When, Student Programming Organization (SPO) recently released its list of films to be shown October through December, let's just say we noted some things.

The very first weekend caught our eye ...

Oct. 4-6, SPO is showing a double feature — "The Wizard of Oz" (not rated) at 7 p.m., followed by "Desperate Living" (rated X) at 9 p.m.

Hmmm. Sounds like something to take the kiddies to.

In fact, the description of "Desperate Living" says the film deals with, among other things, "penis envy."

(Whoops. Can we say the word "penis" in the *Gateway*? Perhaps university administration should read this, and when

they see the word "penis", they should let us know if it is appropriate.)

Of course, if a film dealing with penises (or is it "peni?") doesn't sound like something you want to see, how about the Oct. 18-20 running of "Hold Me While I'm Naked?"

(Now — just a question — while the actors are holding each other, is any penis holding involved? If, in fact, actors are holding each other's penises (or peni), is that OK with administration?)

Of course, the word "penis" isn't as bad as — oh — "f*#@", because "penis" re-

fers to the anatomy. It's not just some five-cent slang word, like "tallywacker" or "dick."

Now, if SPO had a film dealing with "dick envy," we're sure administration wouldn't approve.

Just as long as those actors are fondling each other's penises (or peni), it's OK.

Of course there's a distinction between SPO and the *Gateway* anyway. When SPO does something, it's art. When the *Gateway* does something, it's vulgar.

How will university administration react to all of this?

We won't stand around holding our penises until we hear from them.

STAFF EDITORIAL VULGARITY

Marriage vows finally sink in

Marriage vows — what do they really mean?

The part about better or worse pretty much explains the rollercoaster-type marriage my wife and I had.

Buying a new home, going on vacation and the birth of our son are a few of the many better.

After Alex was born, a lot of the worse happened: filing bankruptcy, starting this new family with little support, and trying to attend school on top of it all.

For some reason my dysfunctional childhood caught up with me. On top of that, alcohol became a problem. The abusive coping skills I learned as a child started to emerge and as a result I started counseling to deal with my abusive childhood and my mother's suicide, which happened when I was 15.

This helped a bit, but more was needed. About a month ago I started attending an

Anger Management Group for Men.

What I was looking for was some tools to deal with everyday life. It wasn't soon enough. My wife and I had a heated argument involving my alcoholism and I used some foul-choiced words.

Enough was enough for her and she

decided to leave me.

The day I helped her pack I realized what she was leaving behind.

All of her friends came over to bid her farewell. When I dropped off her letter of resignation to the editor of the *Gateway*, a job she loved dearly, it started to hit me.

An empty house, my best friend gone, and I'm trying desperately to complete

this semester.

To be quite honest, in the 4 1/2 years we have been married, I have taken advantage of my wife's love.

No matter how much I would use her, she would stay with me.

But she is smarter than that.

My message to all those married people out there is quite simple.

Accept your faults, be honest with one another, remember how you felt when you first got married and why

you did make that life-long commitment to each other.

I'm going to get my act together because I'll be damned if I am going to miss the first steps my son takes or when he realizes who Daddy is.

M.S. Coleman is a sophomore majoring in geography

A Tale of Two Lauras: Similarities between two volleyball players 'really kind of strange'

Monahan and Kelly are similar on and off the volleyball court, from Sept. 9 birthdays to blood pressure

By Kent Walton

If opposites attract, then Lady Mavs Laura Kelly and Laura Monahan are the exception to the rule.

The tale of two Lauras began on Sept. 9, 1972, when Laura Elizabeth Kelly was born in Omaha. Thirty minutes later, in Lisle, Ill., Laura Elizabeth Monahan was born.

But the similarities don't end with first names and birthdays.



—Ed Carlson

Laura Kelly (left) and Laura Monahan at a recent Lady Maverick practice.

"There are just so many little things that we have in common, it's really kind of strange when you look at all of them," Kelly said.

For example:

- At the beginning of the season both were given tests to measure their heart rates and blood pressure; the results were identical.

- Both worked together at Don and Millie's Restaurant.

- When they met at the start of last season, they were wearing identical running shoes.

- Both come from Irish descent.

- Kelly's house number in Omaha is 663, Monahan's in Lisle is 636.

"It's kind of weird," Monahan said, "People would always say when I was a kid that you are an individual, but somewhere out there, there is someone just like you. I think Laura (Kelly) is that person."

It's that closeness that has served as a catalyst for their success both on and off the court.

Both Kelly and Monahan, who became roommates more than a year ago, are sophomores majoring in physical therapy.

Although Kelly boasts a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), Monahan isn't far behind with a 3.8. She said she thinks, with a little help from Kelly, they will also share the same GPA.

"When it comes to homework we motivate each other to do things, and we push each other to do better," Monahan said.

UNO Volleyball Coach Rose Shires agrees that Kelly is the motivator off the court, but on the court Monahan displays the dominant personality.

"Both are driven to play well, but they come from different backgrounds," Shires said. "Laura Monahan is from Chicago where they teach a more aggressive style of play."

"Laura Kelly, who went to school here in Omaha, is more reserved, but I think she is learning to be more aggressive."

Shires said that Monahan's personality makes her more of a leader, but she added that neither lacks what it takes to be successful athletes.

"They both add to the team in different ways," Shires said. Both agreed they look to each other for motivation.

"I think because I watch her learning a new position and trying so hard, I admire it and it makes me want to work that much harder," Monahan said. Kelly changed positions this year



—Ed Carlson

Kelly and Monahan reach for the top both on and off the court.

from right side to middle hitter.

Because this year's squad returns only two seniors, Monahan said she and Kelly both have had to take up the reigns of command on occasion.

"This year we had to become leaders on the court. Last year we were allowed to be more quiet, but that has all changed," Kelly said.



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Aeronautics official to speak at UNO

Dale Bremmer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will speak on the reasons for doing technology and manufacturing in space Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

IN THE AREA ...

Employee awarded as an 'unsung hero'

Kevin Barton, an Instrument Technician III in UNO's chemistry department, is UNO's employee of the month for October. Many of his

co-workers said Barton is a genius.

"Kevin is the unsung hero of our department. With little notice or praise, he solves problems which would baffle engineering firms and electronics wizards," said a co-worker.

Barton will be honored at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Regents.

Panel of accountants to hold discussion

The American Society of Women Accountants will sponsor a dinner/panel discussion Oct. 16 at the New Tower Inn, 78th and Dodge streets.

A panel of accountants from private, public and government organizations will discuss career opportunities, resume writing and hiring processes.

The event begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for

non-students.

Reservation deadline is Oct. 11. Call 571-7777 for reservations.

Alcohol plays key role in homicides

In more than 44 percent of Omaha's homicide cases over a 15-year period, alcohol was consumed by the offenders immediately before the crime. Thirty-five percent of the victims of those crimes had also been drinking.

Those findings were part of a study recently released by the Criminal Justice Policy Research Group at UNO. The study was written by Vince Webb, professor and chairman of the criminal justice department, and Obie Clayton, associate professor of criminal justice.

The study looked at 416 homicides com-

mitted in Omaha between 1975 and 1989.

The percentage of victims using alcohol at the time of death is 15 percent below the national average of 50 percent.

"Omaha is below the national average for alcohol involved in homicides," Clayton said.

The study also revealed, in cases where both parties had been using alcohol, guns were the weapon of choice, followed by knives and piercing instruments.

The study indicated a vast majority of the homicides involved family members and acquaintances.

In only 15.7 percent of the homicides were the victim and offender unknown to each other. These occurred primarily in robbery situations.

This report, supported by a grant from UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research, is the second in a three-part series examining patterns of homicide in Omaha during the past 15 years.

Stanford employees enroll in Finance 101

(CPS) — Stanford University officials are trying to clean up their finances after a billing scandal forced the school to return more than \$1 million to the government.

The latest discovery by an outside firm analyzing the Stanford books is the school improperly billed the government for upkeep of a mausoleum where the university's namesake is buried.

Stanford voluntarily returned the money — about \$1,500 a year for six years — and is continuing its probe into its accounts.

"It's like weeding a garden," said Larry Horton, vice president of public affairs. "We knew we would uncover incorrect things, and this is just the latest of them."

Recently, about 2,300 university employees

who approve expenditures were required to take a class on how to handle research funding.

Harvard tops list of best U.S. colleges

(CPS) — The Ivy League fared well in U.S. News and World Report's fifth annual survey of the nation's best colleges.

Harvard University was ranked first, followed by Yale University, Stanford University, Princeton University, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

The magazine rated the schools on the basis of test scores, graduation rates, faculty-student ratios, academic reputation and student satisfaction.

In terms of the best buys, the five schools with the lowest tuitions were the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (\$6,642), Rice University (Texas, \$7,700), University of Virginia (\$8,950), University of California at Berkeley (\$9,973) and University of California at Los Angeles (\$9,973).

Ken Abercrombie, owner of the Loretto Casket Co., has started marketing college caskets. The idea came about as Abercrombie prepared for a summer convention. He offered the caskets for die-hard Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn and Georgia fans.

The casket company drapes a \$2,000 casket

... AND AROUND THE NATION

College caskets drum up new school spirit

(CPS) — Ever met someone with so much school pride he wanted to take it to the grave? Well, now he can.

in the colors of the deceased's alma mater, complete with team logos in full color on white velvet that fits inside the lid.

Abercrombie said he plans to market the caskets nationwide "as demand dictates."

He said the caskets have already received a tremendous amount of attention. Most of it, however, has come from the media.

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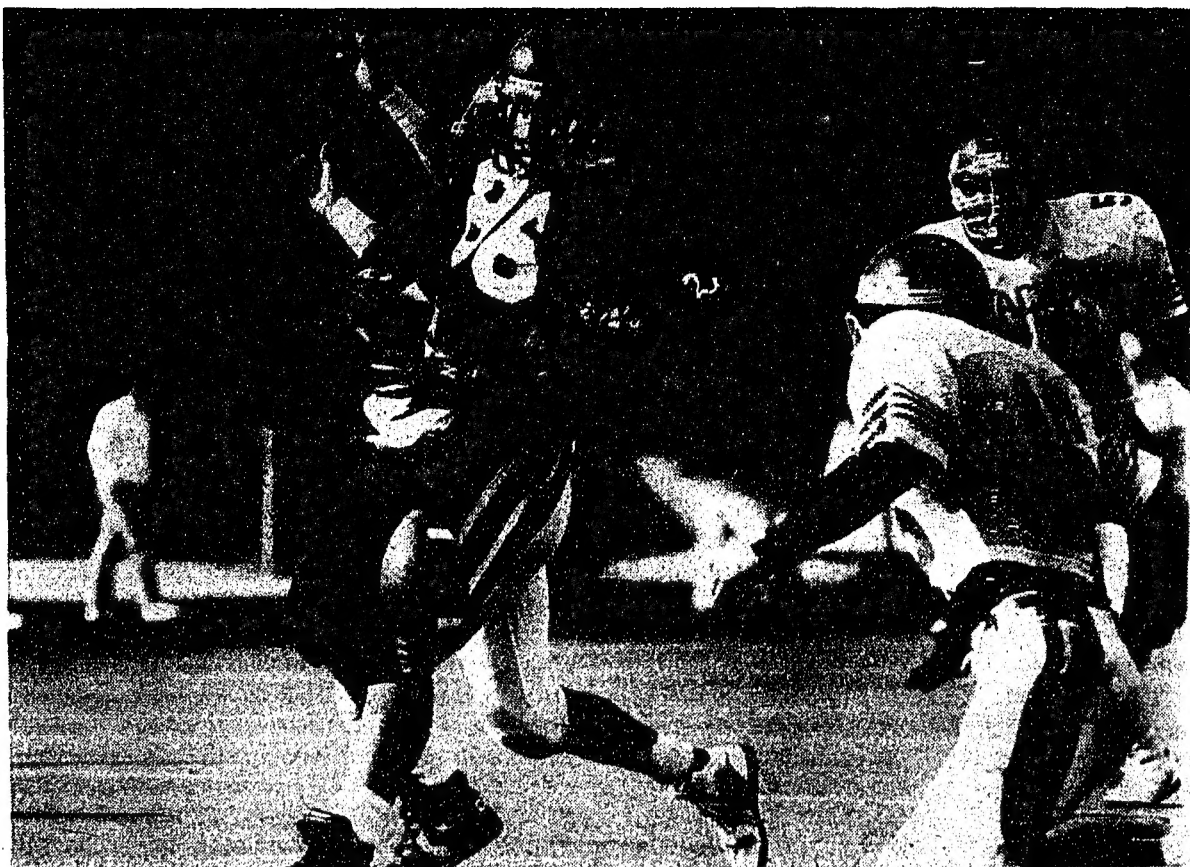
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Maverick tight end Jeff Jennings (dark jersey) comes up empty-handed on a potential catch in UNO's 21-13 loss to SDSU.

Rabbits feet not lucky for Mavs

By Lance Braun

The UNO Mavericks' football team lost more than just the game last Saturday.

South Dakota State University (SDSU) overcame a 13-0 first quarter deficit to upend the Mavs 21-13, and spoil UNO's homecoming in front of 2,800 fans at Caniglia Field.

Senior quarterback Paul Cech was injured on UNO's third possession of the game as he scrambled out of the pocket on a third-and-10 play. He was hit hard after a 4-yard gain, separating his left shoulder. He is expected to miss two weeks to three weeks.

"Paul has shown great leadership this year," said Maverick Head Coach Tom Mueller. "It makes a big difference when you lose a fifth-year senior like that. You really can't measure it in terms of points, but it had a big impact."

Cech led the Mavericks on their first scoring drive, and place-kicker Brian Ruch hit a 19-yard field goal to give the Mavs a 3-0 lead with 6:53 left in the first quarter.

Three minutes later, Mav defensive back Rodney Bradley blocked a Jamie Thompson punt, giving UNO the ball at the SDSU 29-yard line.

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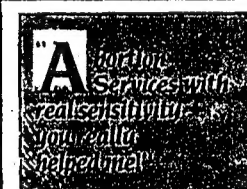
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SPORTS

Rabbits reign

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Redshirt freshman Josh Luedtke took over in place of the injured Cech and led the Mavs to the South Dakota State University 14-yard line. Ruch booted another field goal, making the score 6-0.

SDSU's Damone Freeman coughed up the ensuing kick-off, and Mav safety Mark Ringsdorf recovered the fumble at the Jackrabbit 21-yard line.

Four plays later, Luedtke hit tight end Jeff Jennings for a 3-yard touchdown. Ruch's conversion kick made the score 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

South Dakota State regrouped in the second quarter.

Quarterback Shane Bouman guided the Jackrabbits on a 10-play, 78-yard march. Running back Paul Klinger scored the touchdown on a 1-yard dive, cutting the Mavericks' lead to 13-7 with just under nine minutes left in the half.

South Dakota State got the ball back less than two minutes later. This time, the Jackrabbits drove 66 yards in 10 plays. Bouman hit slot back Mike Meyers on a 10-yard strike for a touchdown, and the converted extra-point gave SDSU a 14-13 edge at the intermission.

"The players were down a little bit at halftime, giving up that touchdown near the end," Mueller said. "But we didn't feel we needed to make a lot of changes in the second half. To his credit, Bouman did a great job during that stretch."

Neither team could score in the third quarter, although the Jackrabbits managed a drive to the UNO 12-yard line midway through the period.

But Mav defensive lineman Paul Storbeck blocked the field goal try, sending the Jackrabbits away empty.

UNO threatened twice early in the fourth quarter, but the drives resulted in missed field goals of 40 yards and 48 yards by Ruch.

South Dakota State padded its lead late in the game after recovering a fumble on UNO's 24-yard line. Bouman found receiver Darren Baartmann alone in the end zone for an 18-yard touchdown pass, making the score 21-13.

UNO got one more chance with almost no time left, after Bradley partially blocked another punt, but the Mavs couldn't convert.

"We were very happy with Josh Luedtke's performance in the game," Mueller said. "He played much better than we expected under the circumstances. But probably one of the key factors in the game was that we had great field position early and couldn't capitalize on it. We were getting field goals when we should have been getting touchdowns."

You too can be an athlete in semi- and quasi-sports

Right now, it's a good time to be a sports fan.

The NFL has just gotten into the good part of the season; the Braves gave us the greatest example of what the pennant races are all about by pulling out an incredible miracle win of the NL West in Major League Baseball; the marathon NHL season has begun; and the race for national champion in college football is heating up as the conference races begin.

Now is the most exciting time to be an athlete, all right. But what about the rest of us, who aren't quite as athletically gifted? Are we doomed to the sidelines? Or are there sports we can play, too?

Fear not, faithful readers. After diligent research, I have discovered three categories, in descending levels of skill, that even the least athletic of us can play.

The first category is the semi-sport. Semi-sports are ones where some degree of athletic skill is required, and there are people who participate in the game as a career. However, being able to bench press a car, jump over a building or eat a tree is not required.

Golf falls into this category.

The game requires an immense amount of skill, concentration, mental discipline and perseverance to excel at. I also think there is a requirement somewhere that you have to wear those horrid pants (you know, the yellow ones) and the goofy hats, but I've never been able to pin anyone down on that.

However, no one would claim you have to be able to do a 4.0 100-meter to be a champ at golf. Just looking at some of the piggies that have been acclaimed as masters (Craig Statler, for instance) will prove that theory.

Next down the line is the quasi-sport. This is an activity that, while requiring some practice, needs no inherent athletic ability. Beer guts are allowed in this range of sports.

The classic example of this is, of course, bowling. How many times have you seen champion bowlers looking like Joe Montana? Nah, they always have nice, firm beer guts, which they accent by wearing goofy shirts that would be too tight for me to wear.

Hmm...bowlers wear goofy outfits, too. I wonder if there is a connection...

Another example is darts. Again, I have never seen a darts champion that had seen the front side of 200 pounds since high school. And, let's face it, darts does not require six hours in the weight room every day either.

Rule of thumb: if you can drink more than a pitcher of beer while playing a competitive activity, you are engaging in a quasi-sport.

The third category is the inelegantly-named get-serious-this-isn't-a-sport. And, as the name implies, most people wouldn't consider it a sport. So why do I mention it?

Simple — I want to make the people who suck at golf, bowling and darts feel good. Examples of get-serious-this-isn't-a-sports:

- Video games. The greatest athletic challenge is being able to stand for long enough to complete a game or being strong enough to lug your paycheck worth of tokens.
- Hunting. Let's face it, bringing night vision equipment and laser sighting into the woods to shoot at animals ain't too much of an athletic challenge.
- Fishing. Ditto.
- Sports column writing. Whoops! Sorry, I was looking at my "incredibly intellectually challenging" list.
- TV watching. While it may be the most participated in, it's certainly the least athletic, especially if you have a remote control.

So, all you armchair quarterbacks, couch potatoes and other cliches, take heart! You, too, can feel the thrill of victory... just don't hold your breath waiting to hear about it on ESPN.

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UNO honors Athletes of the Year

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Ruff posted a 30-2 record in the 1990-91 wrestling season and won every tournament he competed in. He captured the 142-pound title at the NCAA Division II national tournament and helped his team win their first-ever NCAA wrestling championship.

Boyd enjoyed pitching success in her sophomore year, lead-

ing the Lady Mavs softball team to a school-record 44 victories. The Des Moines, Iowa, native boasted a 22-8 record and a 1.04 earned run average.

Boyd earned second-team All-American honors for the 1991 season.

UNO hoopsters are out for blood

The UNO basketball team is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. The team will be assisted by the Staff Advisory Council, Student Athletic Trainers and other athletic teams.

UNO Head Basketball Coach Bob Hanson came up with the charitable idea and hopes that other North Central Conference teams will follow suit.

"It's really important to us," said Hanson. "It's our way of doing something positive for the community."

Lady Mavs split over the weekend

The UNO volleyball team lost their North Central Conference opener against Augustana last Friday, but rebounded on Saturday to defeat NCC rival South Dakota State, 14-16, 15-6, 9-15, 15-11, and 15-9. The win boosted the Lady Mav's record to 11-10 for the season.

Senior Pam Largen had 16 set assists, breaking Wendy Melcher's eight-year-old school record. Largen added 66 assists on Saturday, bringing her record career total to 3,419.

Karen Soukup led against SDSU with 13 spikes and 25 dig saves.

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